

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S7859–S7896

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2195–2203, and S. Res. 349. **Page S7891**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “America’s Aging Workforce: Opportunities and Challenges”. (S. Rept. No. 115–191) **Page S7891**

House Messages:

Tax Cuts and Jobs Act: By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 306), Senate insisted on its amendment to H.R. 1, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018, agreed to the requested conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, after taking action on the following motions to instruct conferees proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Rubio Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that any conference report shall increase the refundable per-child tax credit to no less than \$2,000 and that the credit be expanded to benefit more low-wage parents. **Pages S7880–81**

Rejected:

By 48 yeas to 50 nays (Vote No. 307), King Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report not increase the Federal budget deficit for the period of fiscal years 2018 through 2027. **Pages S7878–79**

By 44 yeas to 54 nays (Vote No. 308), Stabenow Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report includes a provision causing the corporate tax rate to revert to 35 percent in the event that real average household wages do not increase by at least \$4,000 by 2020 as a result of the enactment of the bill. **Page S7879**

By 47 yeas to 51 nays (Vote No. 309), Booker Motion to Instruct Conferees to insist that the final conference report does not contain any provisions that would increase the number of individuals who

do not have health insurance or increase health insurance premiums. **Pages S7880–81**

Urban Indian Health Parity Act—Referral Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Committee on Indian Affairs be discharged from further consideration of S. 2146, to extend the full Federal medical assistance percentage to urban Indian organizations, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Finance. **Page S7895**

Bodine Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Susan Parker Bodine, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; that there be 30 minutes of debate on the nomination, equally divided in the usual form, and that following the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination, with no intervening action or debate. **Page S7895**

Balash Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, December 7, 2017, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, as under the order of Tuesday, December 5, 2017. **Pages S7895–96**

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Record Votes: Four record votes were taken today. (Total—309) **Pages S7878–79, S7881**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2017. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S7896.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of R. D. James, of Missouri, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

SUPERFUND AND WASTE CLEANUP FOLLOWING NATURAL DISASTERS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Superfund, Waste Management, and Regulatory Oversight concluded a hearing to examine challenges facing Superfund and waste cleanup efforts following natural disasters, after receiving testimony from Bryan W. Shaw, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Chairman, Austin; Matthew Rodriguez, California Environmental Protection Agency Secretary, Sacramento; and Tracy Hester, University of Houston Law Center, Houston, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: On Tuesday, December 5, 2017, Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1118, to reauthorize the North Korea Human Rights Act of 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 1901, to require global economic and political pressure to support diplomatic denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, including through the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and any enablers of the activities of that Government, and to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 447, to require reporting on acts of certain foreign countries on Holocaust era assets and related issues, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. Res. 150, recognizing threats to freedom of the press and expression around the world and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority in efforts of

the United States Government to promote democracy and good governance;

S. Res. 139, condemning the Government of Iran's state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights, with amendments; and

The nominations of Eric M. Ueland, of Oregon, to be an Under Secretary (Management), James Randolph Evans, of Georgia, to be Ambassador to Luxembourg, Kenneth J. Braithwaite, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Norway, M. Lee McClenny, of Washington, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Paraguay, Christopher Ashley Ford, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary (International Security and Non-Proliferation), and Yleem D. S. Poblete, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Verification and Compliance), all of the Department of State, and Brock D. Bierman, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

COUNTERING TERRORISM IN NORTH AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Near East, South Asia, Central Asia, and Counterterrorism concluded a hearing to examine beyond ISIS, focusing on countering terrorism, radicalization, and promoting stability in North Africa, after receiving testimony from Nathan A. Sales, Ambassador-At-Large and Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, and Joan Polaschik, Deputy Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of State.

DEFENDING THE HOMELAND AGAINST THE EVOLVING TERRORIST THREAT

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine adapting to defend the Homeland against the evolving international terrorist threat, after receiving testimony from Mark E. Mitchell, Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict; Lora Shiao, Acting Director of Intelligence, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Nikki Floris, Deputy Assistant Director of Counterterrorism, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Robin Taylor, Acting Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence Operations, Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported S. 1870, to amend the Victims of Crime Act of 1984 to secure urgent resources vital to Indian victims of crime.

INDIAN AFFAIRS LEGISLATION

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 664, to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Navajo in Utah, to authorize construction of projects in connection therewith, and S. 1770, to approve the settlement of water rights claims of the Hualapai Tribe and certain allottees in the State of Arizona, to authorize construction of a water project relating to those water rights claims, after receiving testimony from Alan Mikkelsen, Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, and Chair, Working Group on Indian Water Settlements, Department of the Interior; Utah Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox, Salt Lake City; Thomas Buschatzke, Arizona Department of Water Resources Director, Phoenix; Russell Begaye, The Navajo Nation, Window Rock, Arizona; and Damon Clarke, Hualapai Tribe, Peach Springs, Arizona.

FIREARM ACCESSORY REGULATION AND ENFORCING REPORTING TO NICS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine firearm accessory regulation and enforcing Federal and state reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), including S. 2135, to enforce current law regarding the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, and S. 1916, to prohibit the possession or

transfer of certain firearm accessories, after receiving testimony from Senator Cortez Masto; Heather Wilson, Secretary of the Air Force, and Glenn A. Fine, Acting Inspector General, both of the Department of Defense; Thomas E. Brandon, Acting Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and Douglas E. Lindquist, Assistant Director, Criminal Justice Information Services Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; David W. Slayton, Texas Office of State Court Administration, Austin; J. Thomas Manger, Montgomery County Police Department, Gaithersburg, Maryland, on behalf of the Major Cities Chiefs Association; Stephen P. Halbbrook, The Independent Institute, Fairfax, Virginia; David B. Kopel, Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado; and Heather Gooze, Las Vegas, Nevada.

AMERICA'S AGING WORKFORCE

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine America's aging workforce, focusing on opportunities and challenges, after receiving testimony from Laurie McCann, AARP, Washington, D.C.; Fernan R. Cepero, YMCA of Greater Rochester, Rochester, New York, on behalf of the Society for Human Resource Management; Ralph Jellison, Orland, Maine; and Lisa Motta, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 4558–4580, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 140, to amend the White Mountain Apache Tribe Water Rights Quantification Act of 2010 to clarify the use of amounts in the WMAT Settlement Fund (H. Rept. 115–441);

H.R. 1800, to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to transfer certain Federal land to facilitate scientific research supporting Federal space and defense programs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–442);

H. Res. 647, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 477) to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to exempt from registration brokers performing services in connection with the transfer of ownership of smaller privately held companies;

providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3971) to amend the Truth in Lending Act and the Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act of 1974 to modify the requirements for community financial institutions with respect to certain rules relating to mortgage loans, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 123) making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2018, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–443);

H.R. 1148, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to expand access to telehealth-eligible stroke services under the Medicare program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–444, Part 1);

H.R. 3120, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to reduce the volume of future electronic health record-related significant hardship requests (H. Rept. 115–445, Part 1);

H.R. 3263, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend the Medicare independence at

home medical practice demonstration program, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–446, Part 1);

H.R. 3271, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act in order to strengthen rules in case of competition for diabetic testing strips, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–447, Part 1);

H.R. 3245, to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to increase civil money penalties and criminal fines for Federal health care program fraud and abuse, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–448, Part 1);

H.R. 2557, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the Medicare program of certain DNA Specimen Provenance Assay clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, with an amendment (H. Rept. 115–449, Part 1); and

H.R. 4300, to authorize Pacific Historic Parks to establish a commemorative display to honor members of the United States Armed Forces who served in the Pacific Theater of World War II, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 115–450). **Pages H9707–08**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Fortenberry to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H9667**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:38 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H9671**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Al Green (TX) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Page H9682**

Question of Privilege: Representative Al Green (TX) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and submitted a privileged resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution qualified. Subsequently, the House agreed to the McCarthy motion to table H. Res. 646, impeaching Donald John Trump, President of the United States, of high misdemeanors, by a yea-and-nay vote of 364 yeas to 58 nays with four answering “present”, Roll No. 658. **Pages H9682–83**

Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2017: The House passed H.R. 38, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide a means by which non-residents of a State whose residents may carry concealed firearms may also do so in the State, by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 198 noes, Roll No. 663. **Pages H9685–9703**

Rejected the Thompson (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with amendments, by a yea-and-nay vote of 190 yeas to 236 nays, Roll No. 662.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–45 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill. **Page H9685**

H. Res. 645, the rule providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 38) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 232 yeas to 194 noes, Roll No. 660, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 236 yeas to 189 nays, Roll No. 659.

Pages H9674–82, H9683–84

Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure. Consideration began Tuesday, December 5th.

Enhancing Veteran Care Act: S. 1266, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into contracts with nonprofit organizations to investigate medical centers of the Department of Veterans Affairs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 661; and

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Condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma: H. Con. Res. 90, amended, condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the attacks in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 423 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 664;

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “Condemning ethnic cleansing of the Rohingya and calling for an end to the violence in and an immediate restoration of humanitarian access to the state of Rakhine in Burma.”

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H9683, H9683–84, H9684, H9685, H9702, H9702, and H9704. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Committee Meetings

WORKPLACE LEAVE POLICIES: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR EMPLOYERS AND WORKING FAMILIES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions held a hearing entitled “Workplace Leave Policies: Opportunities and Challenges for Employers and Working Families”. Testimony was heard from Hans Riemer, President, Montgomery County Council, Maryland; and public witnesses.

BUSINESS MEETING; MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a business meeting on subcommittee membership; and a markup on H.R. 453, the “Relief from New Source Performance Standards Act of 2017”; H.R. 350, the “Recognizing the Protection of Motorsports Act of 2017”; H.R. 1119, the “SENSE Act”; H.R. 1733, to direct the Secretary of Energy to review and update a report on the energy and environmental benefits of the re-refining of used lubricating oil; H.R. 1917, the “Blocking Regulatory Interference from Closing Kilns Act of 2017”; H.R. 2872, the “Promoting Hydropower Development at Existing Nonpowered Dams Act”; and H.R. 2880, the “Promoting Closed-Loop Pumped Storage Hydropower Act”. The committee resolution on subcommittee membership passed, without amendment. H.R. 453, H.R. 350, H.R. 1733, and H.R. 1917 were ordered reported, without amendment. H.R. 2872, H.R. 2880, and H.R. 1119 were ordered reported, as amended.

SUSTAINABLE HOUSING FINANCE: PRIVATE SECTOR PERSPECTIVES ON HOUSING FINANCE REFORM, PART IV

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Insurance held a hearing entitled “Sustainable Housing Finance: Private Sector Perspectives on Housing Finance Reform, Part IV”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS TO COMBAT EXTREMISM

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Advancing Human Rights to Combat Extremism”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

BREXIT: A NEGOTIATION UPDATE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Europe, Eurasia, and Emerging Threats held a hearing

entitled “Brexit: A Negotiation Update”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY TOWARDS TIBET: ACCESS, RELIGIOUS FREEDOM, AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a hearing entitled “U.S. Policy Towards Tibet: Access, Religious Freedom, and Human Rights”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Power and Oceans held a hearing on H.R. 4465, the “Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Extension Act of 2017”. Testimony was heard from Representative Curtis; Henry Maddux, Director, Recovery Programs, Utah Department of Natural Resources; Andrew Colosimo, Government and Corporate Affairs Manager, Colorado Springs Utilities, Colorado; and a public witness.

SMALL BUSINESS MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, SALES, AND BROKERAGE SIMPLIFICATION ACT OF 2017; COMMUNITY INSTITUTION MORTGAGE RELIEF ACT OF 2017; FURTHER CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2018

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 477, the “Small Business Mergers, Acquisitions, Sales, and Brokerage Simplification Act of 2017”; H.R. 3971, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017”; and H.J. Res. 123, the “Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018”. The Committee granted, by record vote of 8–4, a structured rule for H.R. 477. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–43 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part A of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part A of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section

2, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3971 under a structured rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 115–44 shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended. The rule makes in order only the further amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. In section 3, the rule provides for consideration of H.J. Res. 123 under a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the joint resolution. The rule provides that the joint resolution shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the joint resolution. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Hensarling and Representative Maxine Waters of California.

FROM LAB TO MARKET: A REVIEW OF NSF INNOVATION CORPS

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Research and Technology held a hearing entitled “From Lab to Market: A Review of NSF Innovation Corps”. Testimony was heard from Dawn Tilbury, Assistant Director, Directorate for Engineering, National Science Foundation; and public witnesses.

NASA’S NEXT FOUR LARGE TELESCOPES

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology: Subcommittee on Space held a hearing entitled “NASA’s Next Four Large Telescopes”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Zurbuchen, Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, National Aeronautics and Space Administration; Cristina Chaplain, Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense acquisition reform efforts, 10 a.m., SD–G50.

Committee on Finance: business meeting to consider the nomination of Kevin K. McAleenan, of Hawaii, to be Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, 2 p.m., SD–215.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine implementation of the 21st Century Cures Act, focusing on progress and the path forward for medical innovation, 10 a.m., SD–430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider the nominations of Leonard Steven Grasz, of Nebraska, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eighth Circuit, James C. Ho, of Texas, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit, Don R. Willett, of Texas, to be a Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, Terry A. Doughty, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Louisiana, Terry Fitzgerald Moorer, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Alabama, Mark Saalfield Norris, Sr., to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Tennessee, Claria Horn Boom, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky, John W. Broomes, to be United States District Judge for the District of Kansas, Rebecca Grady Jennings, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Kentucky, and Robert Earl Wier, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky, 10 a.m., SD–226.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive a closed briefing on certain intelligence matters, 2 p.m., SH–219.

House

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled “The Mission of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Examining the Office of Financial Research”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, hearing entitled “Legislative Proposals for a More Efficient Federal Financial Regulatory Regime: Part II”, 2 p.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Counterterrorism Efforts in Africa”, 9:30 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications,

hearing entitled “Examining the Department of Homeland Security’s Efforts to Counter Weapons of Mass Destruction”, 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Congressional Workplace: Examining Reforms to the Congressional Accountability Act”, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Federal Bureau of Investigation”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Transforming the Department of the Interior for the 21st Century”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Federal Lands, hearing on H.R. 805, the “Tulare Youth Recreation and Women’s History Enhancement Act”; H.R. 1349, to amend the Wilderness Act to ensure that the use of bicycles, wheelchairs, strollers, and game carts is not prohibited in Wilderness Areas, and for other purposes; H.R. 3371, the “Modoc County Land Transfer and Economic Development Act of 2017”; and H.R. 3961, the “Kissimmee River Wild and Scenic River Study Act of 2017”, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Information Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight of IT and Cybersecurity at the Department of Veterans Affairs”, 2 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “New Names, Same Problems: The VA Medical Surgical Prime Vendor Program”, 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, December 7

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, December 7

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11 a.m.), Senator Strange will be recognized for up to 30 minutes.

At 11:45 a.m., Senate will begin consideration of the nomination of Joseph Balash, of Alaska, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior, and vote on confirmation of the nomination at approximately 12:30 p.m.

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.J. Res. 123—Continuing Appropriations Act, 2018 (Subject to a Rule). Consideration of H.R. 3971—Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act of 2017 (Subject to a Rule).

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